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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 9, 2008, for which the shortened three-month statutory response date is April 9, 2008. This response is being filed on March 6, 2008, **within two-months** of the Final Office Action, therefore, it is timely filed.

If an extension of time is required to enable this paper to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this paper is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed.

No fee is believed due as a result of the response contained herein. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from IBM's PTO Deposit Account No. 09-0447/AUS920031052US¹.

¹ In the event the funds in that account are insufficient, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson P.C.'s PTO Account No. 50-0786/2300.001700.